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L.A. Controller Calls for Code Enforcement Upgrades

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L.A. Controller Ron Galperin last week released an audit of the Systematic Code Enforcement Program (SCEP), which inspects the City's residential rental units to verify compliance with state and local health, safety and building codes.

The Controller's audit includes recommendations to streamline the program and to improve compliance so that all rental units within Los Angeles are safe and habitable.

"The health and safety of people who reside in L.A. needs to be of paramount importance," L.A. Controller Ron Galperin said. "Our City has over time improved its code enforcement programs. But there is more we can and should be doing to respond quickly to complaints, to ensure the absolute accuracy of inspections and to modernize how we do it."

Larry Gross, who heads the Coalition for Economic Survival, praised the Controller's audit.

"We're extremely supportive of SCEP and of L.A. Controller Ron Galperin for pinpointing where we need to better focus our resources to ensure these are truly successful programs," Gross said.

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"We know that the L.A. Housing and Community Investment Department is committed to renters and the city as a whole. Programs like SCEP are crucial to ensuring renters of the city are able to reside in a safe and habitable rental units. While it's important that we constantly reassess the work and effectiveness of these programs, it's just as important for the City to provide whatever resources are needed to ensure the safety of Angelenos."

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Moore Tapped for LAPD Chief

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Photo/ Los Angeles Police Department

L.A. Controller Galperin this week congratulated LAPD First Assistant Chief Michel Moore as he prepares to be the next LAPD Chief of Police. Chief Moore was tapped this week by the Mayor to serve as the top cop when Chief Charlie Beck steps down this year.

"Throughout his career, Chief Moore has made communities safer through smarter policing and strategies that bring people together," Controller Galperin said.

"The men and women of the LAPD are some of the finest police officers in the nation and they've been led with distinction by Chief Charlie Beck. While Chief Beck has made immense strides in making the Department stronger than he found it, I know that Chief Moore's 35 years in the LAPD prepares him to lead from day one. I look forward to working with him to ensure the LAPD operates with a high degree of accountability and transparency for all Angelenos."

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Los Angeles Celebrates LGBTQ+ Heritage Month

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Celebrating LGBTQ+ Heritage Month and this year's honorees for their service, including (bottom left) Mark Gonzalez, chair of the L.A. County Democratic Party and (bottom right) the Controller's husband, Rabbi Zachary Shapiro of Temple Akibah. Photos/Office of Controller Ron Galperin.

Los Angeles kicked off LGBTQ+ heritage month during an L.A. City Council presentation led by Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Mitch O'Farrell. Los Angeles is home to the second-largest LGBTQ+ population in the country and is known throughout the world as proudly home to a diverse, vibrant and creative culture that was on display last week.

L.A. Controller Galperin, as part of the celebration, honored Mark Gonzalez, the first openly gay and Latino chair of the L.A. County Democratic Party. Rabbi Zach Shapiro, the Controller's husband, provided blessings to the largest pride flag in the world as it prepared for a global, ten city tour.

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Memorial Day at Canoga Park

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Video / LA This Week

Southern California honored our fallen heroes last week during a Memorial Day parade in Canoga Park. Drawing in a crowd of hundreds along Sherman Way, the Controller, along with State Treasurer John Chiang, County Assessor Jeff Prang, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, State Sen. Henry Stern and others took part in a special ceremony honoring those who may never come home, but will always stay with us.

"We all owe a great debt to those who served with selfless dignity," L.A. Controller Galperin said.

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"We owe our thanks to them and to their families. We owe an obligation to uphold the values for which they sacrificed their lives. And we owe a duty to care for the families of the fallen and to all our veterans - too many of which are living on the very sidewalks of our City. Together, let us pledge to keep alive the memories of those no longer with us and stand by all those who continue to serve us and our nation."

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City Gives A Fond Farewell to Labor Champion Cheryl Parisi

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Celebrating AFSCME District Council 36 Executive Director Cheryl Parisi's professional accomplishments and her retirement. Photos/office of Controller Ron Galperin.

Eight decades ago, John Steinbeck wrote *In Dubious Battle*, a quintessential work of people fighting for their basic worker's rights. "Out of all this struggle a good thing is going to grow," he wrote. "That makes it worthwhile." Cheryl Parisi spent four decades fighting for equality, respect and dignity for the City's workers.

Last week, the Controller, along with Mayor Eric Garcetti and members of the L.A. City Council bid a fond farewell to AFSCME District Council 36 Executive Director Parisi as she steps down from her post.

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Over the past few weeks, L.A. Controller Galperin spent time traveling around Los Angeles, supporting organizations working to leave a positive impact on our community. He spent time with former Councilmember Tom "Mr. LA" LaBonge discussing the present and future of Los Angeles. He also celebrated local Cuban artists, music and food at the 2nd Annual Cuban American Music festival and spoke at the annual L.A. Dodger Mixed Roots Adoptee Night with Olympic sisters Marissa and Hannah Brandt.

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